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TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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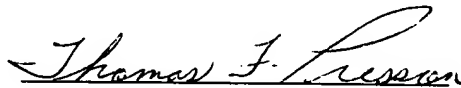
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Six color photographs are enclosed showing front and back views of a portion of a floor tile. The pictured floor tile has tongue-and-groove portions that intersect at right angles. An opposing portion of the tile (not pictured) has inverted tongue-and-groove portions that also intersect at right angles to each other.

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Plus attachments: Form PTO-1449 (Modified)
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Six-color photographs

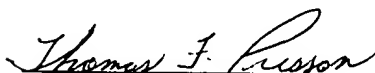
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